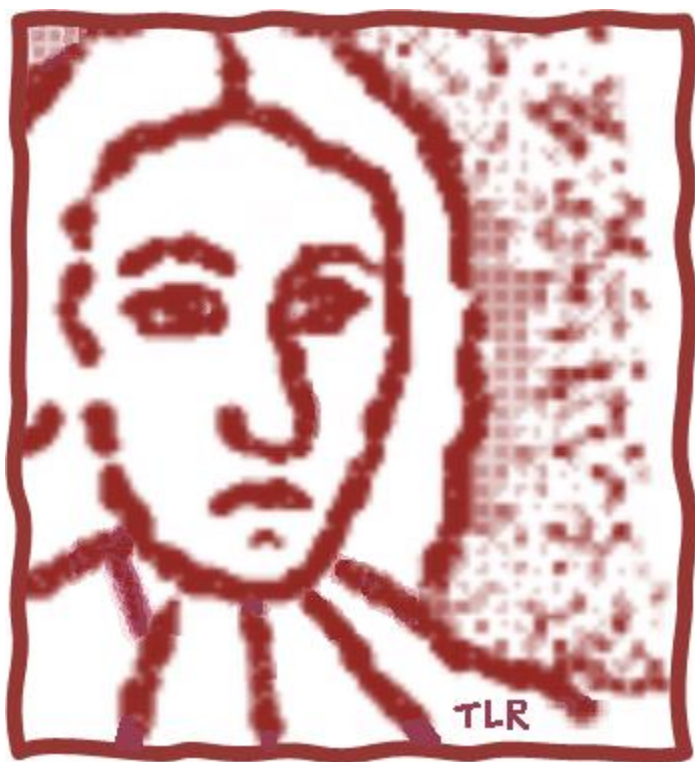


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“RESOLVED!”



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Valley Grace Brethren Church  
December the 29<sup>th</sup>, AD 2024

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-ninth Day of December, *in the Year of our Lord 2024*



- ONE - IS - YOUR - MASTER - AND - ALL - YE - ARE - BRETHREN -



Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

## Sunday School—9:30 AM.

This week we are having our annual Christmas Quiz!

## Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:\* *"Go Tell it on the Mountain"* (#127; refrain only)

Invocation.\*

Hymn: *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* (#128).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Romans 13:8-14.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"The First Noel"* (#120; vv. 1, 3, 4, 5).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Joy to the World"* (#117).

Dismissal for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"JONATHAN EDWARDS: RESOLVED!"*

Closing Hymn:\* *"O God our Help in Ages Past"* (#48).

Benediction.\*



*\*Please stand, if able.*



**Week of Dec. 22 – Dec. 28**

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—15; Offering—\$767.<sup>14</sup>;

CEF—2 Kids, 6 Staff (2 CEF); Candlelight Service—26;

Video (Facebook, Rumble, YouTube): "God's Christmas Tree"—200 views

Cover Art: *"EDWARDS: Puritan Colossus,"* by Pastor Terry Reese

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We wish to thank Kathy Sloan and Zack from the **Child Evangelism Fellowship** for being with us on Friday for a **Christmas Party** event for young people. Their enthusiasm and love for children remains as contagious as ever! They'll be back this Spring!



***The Pastor was the volunteer/victim that was selected to be decorated as a snowman by Junior and Nevaeh!***



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**Midweek Service resumes 1/8/25, 6:30 PM!**

## Jonathan Edwards' Resolutions

*Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758), colonial minister, missionary to the Indians, President of Princeton University, and leader of the first Great Awakening revival, was a powerful preacher who is widely regarded by many as the greatest theological mind that our continent ever produced. At age 19, Edwards committed to writing a series of resolutions. Here is a sampling:*



⌚ **Resolution One: I will live for God. Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will.**

⌚ **Resolved, that I will do whatsoever I think to be most to God's glory, and my own good, profit and pleasure, in the whole of my duration, without any consideration of the time, whether now, or never so many myriads of ages hence. Resolved to do whatever I think to be my duty and most for the good & advantage of mankind in general. Resolved to do this, whatever difficulties I meet with, how many soever, and how great soever.**

⌚ **Resolved, if ever I shall fall and grow dull, so as to neglect to keep any part of these Resolutions, to repent of all I can remember, when I come to myself again.**

⌚ **“Resolved, never to lose one moment of time; but improve it the most profitable way I possibly can.”**

⌚ **Resolved, never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do, if it were the last hour of my life.**

⌚ **Resolved, when I feel pain, to think of the pains of martyrdom, & of hell.**

⌚ **“Resolved, if I take delight in it as a gratification of pride, or vanity, or on any such account, immediately to throw it by.**

⌚ **Resolved, never to do any thing out of revenge.**

⌚ **Resolved, never to speak evil of anyone, so that it shall tend to his dishonour, more or less, upon no account except for some real good.**

⌚ **Resolved, that I will live so, as I shall wish I had done when I come to die.**

⌚ **Resolved, to act, in all respects, both speaking & doing, as if nobody had been so vile as I, & as if I had committed the same sins, or had the same infirmities or failings as others; and that I will let the knowledge of their failings promote nothing but shame in myself, and prove only an occasion of my confessing my own sins & misery to God.**

⌚ **Resolved, to study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly & frequently, as that I may find and plainly perceive myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.**

⌚ **Resolved, to strive to my utmost every week to be brought higher in religion, & to a higher exercise of grace, than I was the week before.**

⌚ **Resolved, never to give over, nor in the least to slacken, my fight with my corruptions, however unsuccessful I may be.**